

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-30 were pending and subject to restriction requirements. In this response, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-12 and 18-30) for further prosecution and cancels claims 13-17 (Group II) without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in a divisional application subsequently.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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